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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: [REDACTED]

SUBJ: 1. [REDACTED] ACCOUNT OF PHOUMI-SIHO RELATIONS
2. DEPARTURE OF SIHO'S FAMILY FROM VIENTIANE

PADA: LAOS, VIENTIANE [REDACTED]

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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APPR: POSSIBLY THIS ACCOUNT CONTAINS EXAGGERATIONS ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSIONS PROBABLY TOOK PLACE AS REPORTED.

DISTR: 2 FEBRUARY 1965.

REF: NONE.

REPORT NBR: [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] CAPTAIN PHOURATSAMAY, A SON OF GENERAL PHOUMI NOSAVAN, DELIVERED A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM PHOUMI TO SIHO. THE MESSAGE WAS THAT IF THINGS WENT BADLY THIS TIME SIHO SHOULD ARREST EVERYBODY IN THE OPPOSITION AND GET HIS HANDS ON THE PRIME MINISTER. SIHO'S RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITAL. [REDACTED] CLOSE TO SIHO BELIEVED THAT SIHO WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH PHOUMI.

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2. [REDACTED] THE SAME AFTERNOON [REDACTED] SAW PHOURATSAMAY AND ASKED HIM HOW THINGS WERE DEVELOPING. PHOURATSAMAY REPLIED THAT PHOUMI HAD ORDERED GENERAL MA TO BOMB THE FIFTH ZONE CAMP AT CHINAIMO AND THAT GENERAL KHAMKHONG'S TROOPS WERE ABOUT TO ATTACK CHINAIMO FROM THE EAST.

3. BY THE AFTERNOON OF 2 FEBRUARY SIHO HAD EVACUATED HIS FAMI

Y FROM VIENTIANE. HIS FAMILY WENT BY CAR IN THE DIRECTION OF PHOU KHAO KHOUAI, A POLICE CAMP IN THE ILLS NORTHEAST OF VIENTIANE.

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